MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC NEWS

May 2023 – The May MNS meeting will be held Thursday, May 18, at 6 PM in the Mayfair Mall Community Room. The program will be the club spring auction, the list for which is on page 8.

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The Milwaukee Numismatic Society, founded in 1934, is the oldest and largest organization in Milwaukee devoted to the study of money. Meetings are now held from 6 to 8 PM in the Mayfair Mall community room on the third Thursday of each month.

May Coin of the Month: **For May we offer a 2007 all silver quarter proof set with 5 different state quarters, in original mint box with COA. The silver value of the set is $25 at today's prices. Starting price for the set is just $30.**

May 2023 MNS President's Message

Coming off the recently held Central States show, I hope that everyone who wanted to attend found a chance to do so. I was able to get the day off work on that Thursday and make a few rounds of the bourse. I found a few nice items to contribute to my collecting interests, and might bring them in for show and tell at a future meeting. The PCGS Registry Set Showdown exhibit of the J&L and Escalante owned U.S. Classic Commemoratives was not to be missed. Something new this year was the collector's bourse in the upstairs ballroom, which was like a mini coin show with materials you might find at one of the more local regional shows.

To recap the scout clinic we hosted at last month's SSCC show, there were a total of 21 scouts that attended and all successfully completed the requirements to earn the merit badge. It was especially pleasing to see such a great turn-out, combined with lively interest and participation by the scouts. A few scouts, along with their parents, expressed interest in the MNS meetings, so hopefully we see them again soon.

Thank you very much to all the volunteers (Bruce Bar., Gary B., Dave H., John B., and myself) that came early that Saturday to make the scout clinic a smooth success. Especial thanks to Leon and Bruce Ben. who spearhead the clinic on an annual basis. Hopefully we can keep the streak running, since the MNS has held this clinic since 1981, when it was held at M&I Bank.

In keeping with what we usually do, we will pass on any extensive show and tell at the next meeting due to the auction. Hopefully everyone had a chance to get their items included in the listing. This auction might be one of the better ones we have seen in a while.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting for our auction, and hearing about how you did at the Central States Show.

Happy Collecting,
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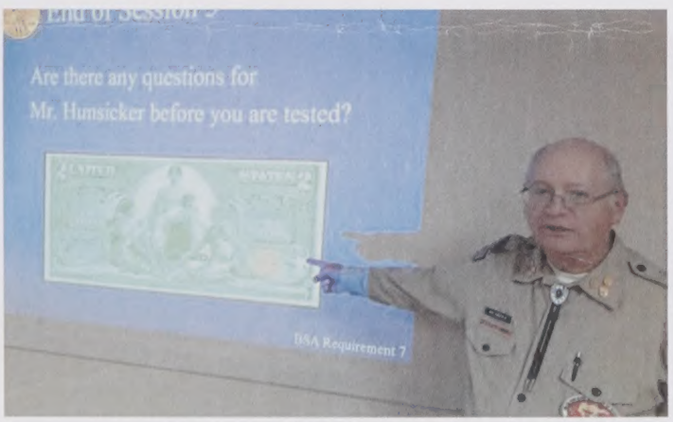

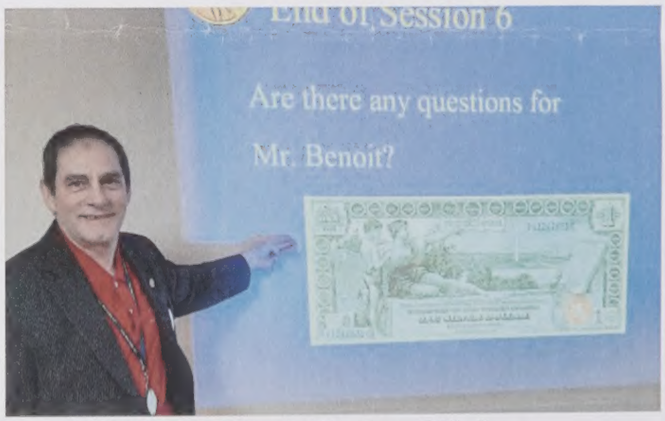

Dave and Bruce at the April 22, 2023, MNS Scout Merit Badge Clinic

Editor's Comment: The article by Cliff Mishler on pages 6-7 will be continued next month.

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Schedule

Monthly meetings for the calendar year will proceed as scheduled. Due to changes at Mayfair Mall, our meetings will run from 6:00-8:00 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Room in the lower level of Mayfair Mall. Visitors interested in numismatics are welcome.

Monthly meeting programs

Jan 19:	General Business/Show & Tell
Feb 16:	CANCELLED-SNOW
March 16:	Tom C: Play Money Presentation
April 20:	Show & Tell-Non Numismatic
May 18:	Spring Auction
June 15:	Andy Kimmel Presentation
July 20:	General Business/Show & Tell
Aug 17:	General Business/Show & Tell
Sept 21:	Numismatic Trivia Game
Oct 19:	Autumn Auction
Nov 16:	Raffle Prize Drawing
Dec 21:	Christmas Party/Bingo/Elections

Annual Dues

Dues for 2023 are $10. Please pay Treasurer Chris K. at the next meeting, or they can be mailed to **MNS, PO Box 26886, Wauwatosa, WI 53226-0886.** Thanks to those who have paid. Those who have not paid will be removed from the club's mailing list.

Random Information

MNS is a volunteer organization. We always need new and interesting programs, activities, and helpers to work at events. MNS will also reimburse refreshment expenses up to $60. To volunteer, please contact Pres. Justin Perrault at 262.613.9996 or VP Jim Heinrich at 262.796.1814. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up by volunteering their time and talent to make the club a success.

2023 Numismatic Events

May 21:	Beaver Dam Coin Show American Legion 300 Beichl Ave., 9-3 PM
Aug 8-12:	ANA World's Fair of Money David Lawrence Convention Center Pittsburgh, PA
Aug 13:	Beaver Dam Coin Show American Legion 300 Beichl Ave., 9-3 PM
Oct 29:	Elgin, IL Coin Show Holiday Inn 495 Airport Rd, 9-3 PM
Nov 12:	MNS Coin Show, 9-4 PM Sheraton Hotel Brookfield

Refreshment Schedule

Jan 19:	Justin P.
Feb 16:	CANCELLED
March 16:	Jordan H.
April 20:	Dave Hunsicker
May 18:	Don K.
June 15:	John B.
July 20:	OPEN
Aug 17:	Justin P.
Sept 21:	OPEN
Oct 19:	OPEN
Nov 16:	OPEN
Dec 21:	Christmas Party

"If they're that scarce why don't they make some more?"

Milwaukee Numismatic Society

Minutes

April 20, 2023

President Justin Perreault called the 1036th meeting of the MNS to order at 6:00pm. There were 22 members & 0 guests in attendance. The president led the club in the pledge of allegiance. Door prizes were won by Jeff G, Steve J, Josh W, Jordan H, and James K.

Coin of the Month: Steve J. won the coin of the month, 2006 Eagle $1 First Strike Gem Uncirculated, with a winning bid of $57.00.

Minutes: The minutes for March 2023 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Justin P. reported that March showed net receipts of $105.00, Vanguard transfer, interest earned transfer, and $483.80 in net disbursements for a positive net cash flow of $500.34.

Correspondence: The Numismatist and N.O.W. News

Vice President Report: We have plenty openings for refreshments and programs in 2023.

Scout Clinic: The Scout Clinic is April 22 at the Four Points by Sheraton – 5311 South Howell Avenue. Thank you to those who signed up to volunteer.

MNS Coin Show: Flyers for the MNS 2023 Coin Show are on hand. They will be available at meetings or contact Paul K for flyers. Please pick up flyers and distribute them throughout your community.

Auction: Leon S already has a list of items for next month's Auction. Though, there is still room for more. Please contact him as soon as possible if you are interested in adding an item to the Auction.

Show & Tell: Robert M - $1 For $150,000 – 2014 – B, / Leon S - $1,000 Gold Trump Note / Justin P – Juice Cans and Music Sheets / Jeff G – Milwaukee Road History / Ray S – Banks / Jordan H – Homestead Land Deed with Teddy Roosevelt Signature / Tom S – Art Medals / Dave H – Railroad

The meeting was informally adjourned at 7:32 pm by President Perrault.

Respectfully submitted by James Kubley

HEY, PIG, WHERE WERE YOU?
WENT TO SEE THE LATEST SUPERHERO MOVIE.
OH, YEAH? WHICH SUPER-HERO?
THE NUMISMATIST!
THAT'S JUST SOMEONE WHO COLLECTS COINS.
THE ACTION SCENES WERE LESS THAN STELLAR.
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MNS Sponsors Successful 2023 Merit Badge Clinic

By John and Nancy Wilson

The Milwaukee Numismatic Society held its 43rd Annual Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic in conjunction with the South Shore Coin Club convention on Saturday April 22, 2023. The clinic was chaired by Dr. Leon Saryan, who was assisted by Bruce Benoit, along with other members of the MNS. Speakers for the clinic were Leon Saryan, Bruce Benoit and Dave Hunsicker. Assisting with the clinic were Bruce Bartelt, Gary Bieringer and John Bleidorn. MNS President Justin Perrault ran the PowerPoint presentation. The clinic provides the scouts a basic introduction to numismatics and coin collecting. Topics covered include the manufacture of coins and paper money, numismatic terminology, mints and mintmarks, the state quarter program, coin identification, grading and storage, paper currency and the Federal Reserve System. To complete the requirements for the merit badge, scouts are required to bring with them specific coins from their collection.

The clinic this year had double the scout attendance from the one hosted in 2022. All 21 scouts (including one girl) who registered for the clinic passed all requirements to receive their merit badges. Each scout received a goodie bag consisting of coins, magazines and supplies at the start of the day's session. Scouts also received nice "door" prizes for answering numismatically-related questions. John and Nancy Wilson awarded five free memberships to the ANA as door prizes. The MNS clinic was started in 1981 by MNS veteran members Lee Hartz and Tom Casper and is considered the standard for numismatic organizations nationwide.

April 22, 2023, MNS Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic staff and participants

On the Scene

BY CLIFFORD MISHLER

Reflecting Back on 60 Years of 'News' and a Hobby on the Road

It's time for some reflection. It was 60 years ago that my byline first appeared in *Numismatic News*, in the issue that carried the dateline April 15, 1963. The announcement that I had joined the editorial staff had appeared on the front page of the previous issue, dateline April 1, 1963. I'd taken up residence in Iola, Wis., and reported for my first day of work on a cold Monday morning, March 13, 1963.

"Hi, I'm Chet," was the rejoinder I received upon introducing myself to the only person in the building, after walking through the front door shortly before 8 a.m. and observing that the only lights on were in a small office on the left. In the brief conversation that followed, I learned that he'd arrived somewhat earlier – to clear the sidewalks of freshly fallen snow that had arrived overnight.

That was my introduction to Chet Krause. I'd been hired by Ed Rochette, as the consequence of an interview visit to Iola on an even colder February day, three weeks earlier on a Saturday, when the outside temperature hovered at a bitterly cold minus-20 degrees. At the time, Chet had been out-of-town in Toronto working on the establishment of Canada Coin News, a product that would be launched from Iola in June as a companion to the News. That expansion and my hiring were among the front-page headlines in the News' April 1 issue.

My editing and publishing experience prior to joining the News staff was limited and largely self-taught. As a high school junior in Cassopolis, Mich., one of my courses was a speech and journalism class. That year also found me involved with editing and publishing the year's 10 issues of Cassmopolitan, the school's student paper. Then, in 1958, I had initiated the authoring and publishing of a specialized numismatic title – 1958 United States and Canadian Commemorative Medals and Tokens – the first of five annual monograph series offerings that were self-published through 1962.

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The Exonumist Page

Numismatic News — April 15

Clifford Mishler
Editor

"Exonumist" Defined

As you have noticed our old "Token Collectors Page" carries a new designation this issue. In view of the fact that many of you probably have not been properly introduced to the word "exonumist," which is used in the new title, we are providing a short treatise relating to its definition and origin.

The word "exonumist" was coined by Mr. Russell Rulau, "to eventually replace such indefinite and lengthy phrases as 'collectors of tokens and all that sort of thing,' 'specialists in medals and badges,' and some less flattering terms like 'trash collectors' or 'slug collectors.'"

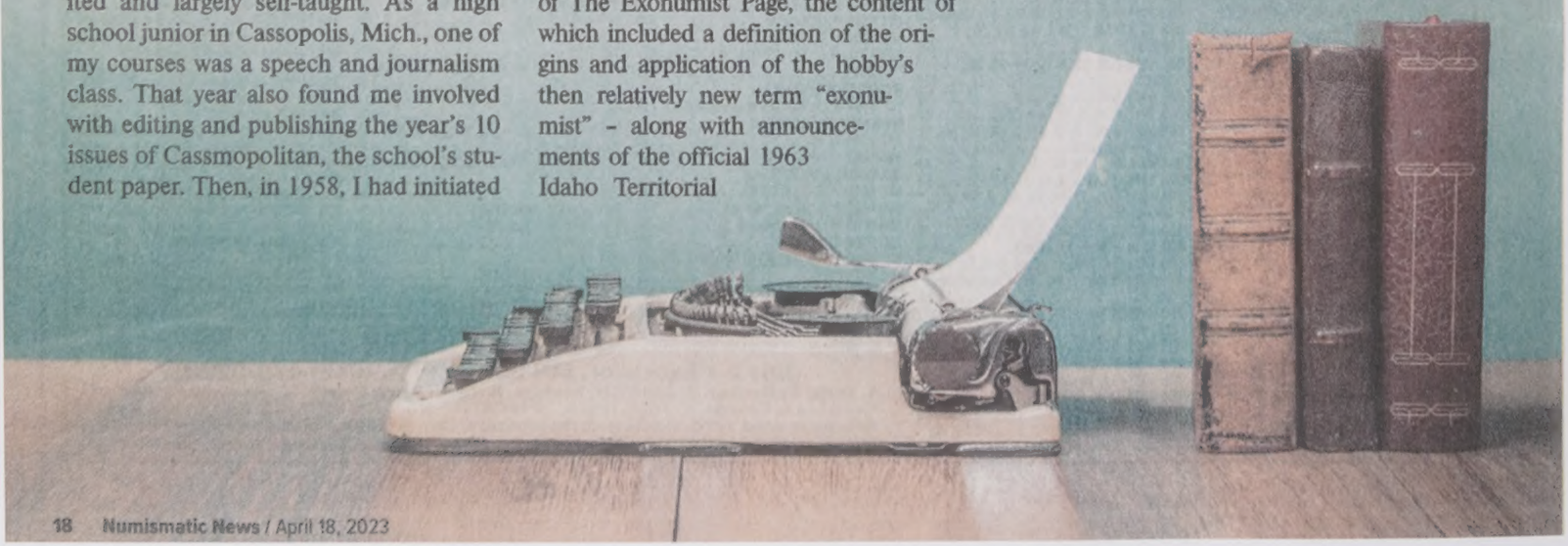
"Exonumist" is defined as being a word meaning "outside of regular coinage." As such, it would include all phases of numismatics outside of official government monetary issues. A list of included fields would include collectors of the following: tokens, medals, obsolete paper money, script, military orders, tax tokens, game counters, fantasy coins, so-called dollars, etc.

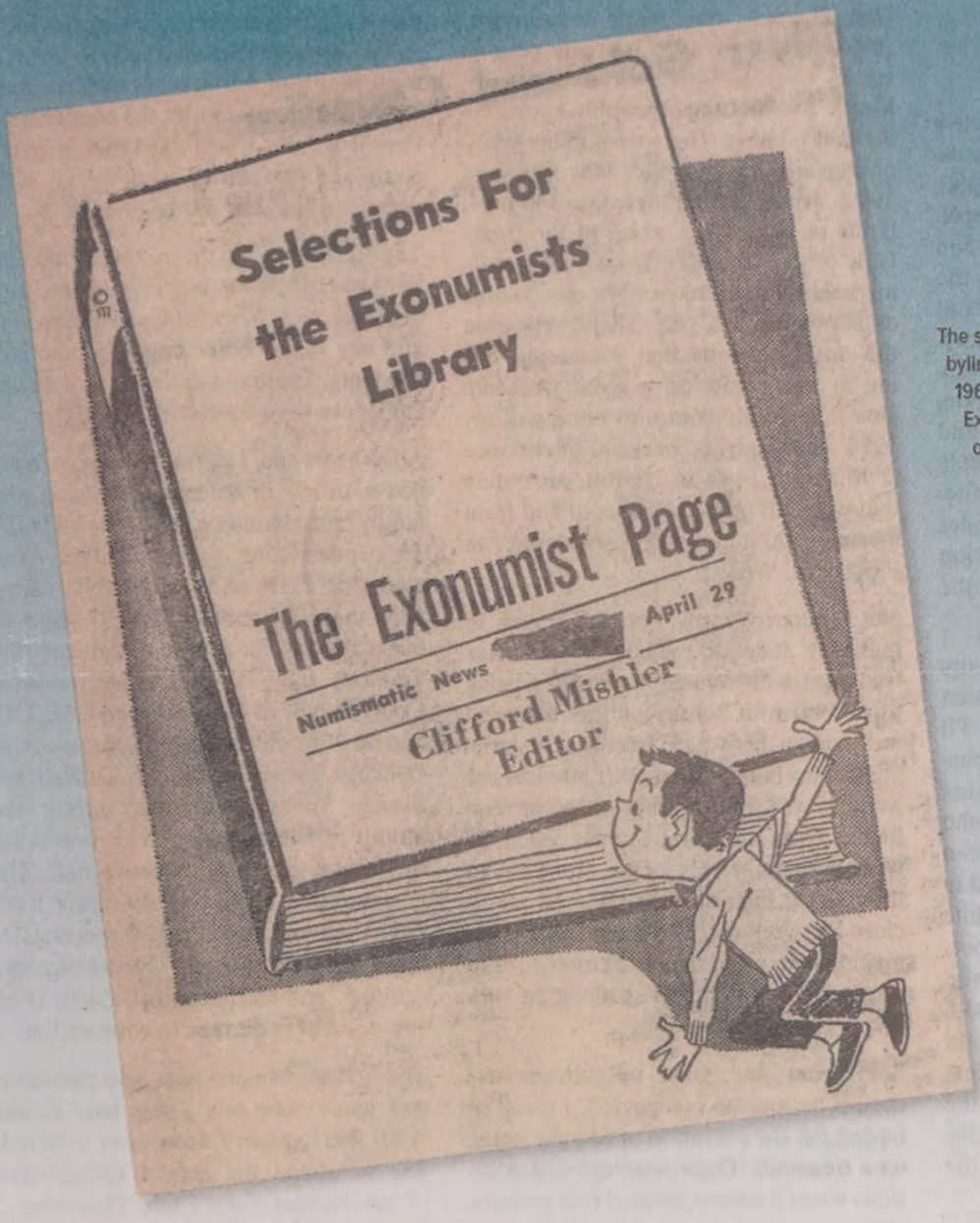
The first official use of the word "exonumist" was its adoption by a group of California collectors, in December of 1960, as part of the official name for their new organization, the Southern California Exonumist Society. Since that time, the word has gained wide acceptance across the country. It is now contained in the name of two other regional organizations, and this past August was adopted as a part of the official emblem of the national Token and Medal Society.

A collector of many years standing, Mr. Rulau who originated this word, has at one time or another specialized in most fields of numismatic interest. He is a past secretary of the Southern California Exonumist Society, and currently is serving in the capacity of editor of "The Journal" of the Token and Medal Society.

The Mishler byline first appeared, as editor of The Exonumist Page, in the *Numismatic News* issue of April 15, 1963.

My first News byline appeared as editor of The Exonumist Page, the content of which included a definition of the origins and application of the hobby's then relatively new term "exonumist" – along with announcements of the official 1963 Idaho Territorial Centennial medal and the 1963 West Virginia Statehood Centennial commemorative issue in the Heraldic Art medals series. This new column replaced the Token Collectors Page that had been appearing in the News with the sanction of veteran token collecting authority Dr. George Fuld.





The second appearance of the Mishler byline in the *News* appeared in the April 29, 1963, issue, when a "Selections For the Exonumists Library" overview exploration of recommendations was featured on The Exonumist Page.

Through the course of the 60 years that have followed, my byline has been attached to uncounted columns, news stories and special features that have been presented in the pages of Numismatic News. While those presentations have often concerned medals or tokens – exonumia – they have cast a wide embrace of the diversities of the U.S. and world coin realms, ancient coins and related, U.S. and world paper money, and have frequently even reached into quasi-numismatic realms.

In recent years, my byline has most frequently been tied to commentaries designed to invite reader accompaniment on my travels to attend national, state and local shows around the state, region and nationwide. The exposures experienced and shared have been manifold: from the challenges of storm-flooded bourse rooms to the pleasures of well-organized multi-discipline events hosted in state-of-the-art facilities in spectacular settings, each and every one successful and rewarding in their own way.

Having been well-traveled across the country prior to my arrival in Iola, including a fair measure of numismatic exposures, I was among the 14 founders of the Token and Medal Society (TAMS) in attendance at the initial meeting hosted in Detroit on Nov. 19, 1960, during the fall convention of the Michigan State Numismatic Society, others of whom included Q. David Bowers, along with the late James Curto and George Hatie. Those travels exploded in the years that followed. Reflecting back, I believe that I've attended numismatic events in nearly all states, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, West Virginia and Rhode Island excluded.

Along the way I've met a lot of wonderful people, dedicated adherents of our collecting community, many of whom are no longer with us. Many of those exposures commenced with attendance at the 1961 ANA anniversary convention in Atlanta – I've only missed one since, that having been 1970 in St. Louis – an experience that has continued to build uninterruptedly at the summer conventions over the past 52 years. For 30 years I also enjoyed travels to recognize Numismatic Ambassador Award recipients around the country, commencing with the first presentation to Charlie Colver in Sacramento, Calif., on April 20, 1974.

My exposures to mints have been very diverse, carrying me to facilities on six of the seven continents, as a consequence of both focused travels and many years participation at the International Mint Directors' Conference gatherings. These exposures have ranged from the very antiquated – the Lima Mint in Peru and the Perth Mint in Western Australia

MNS Semi-Annual Auction, May 18, 2023

A. Pressed Steel Tank Company Safety Inspector Badge, West Allis MB $20
B. Packers Super Bowl "Game Coins," 3 different medals, cases, gold overlay, limited issue MB $20
C. 1987 Green Bay Packers Silver Super Bowl Round in display case, MB $28
D. 2001 Canada Silver maple leaf, 1 oz., in case, MB $32
E. 1939 US silver dimes, 36 pieces, VF or better, some w/ mint marks, ~ $70 melt, MB $65
F. Ancient Roman bronze, radiate bust/eagle, may be Claudius II (268-270 AD)
G. USA 1776 decorative multicolor pewter plate with loop for hanging
C1. Book on Primitive Money by Chuck Opitz, donated to MNS by John Wilson
C2. Lucite block containing 1964 US Mint set, attractive, donated to MNS
1. Three (3) Milwaukee Numismatic Society commemorative coin sets: 2004, 2008, 2009
2. 2006 Atlanta ANA bronze exhibit judging medal
3. MNS 75th anniversary silver medal with inset cubic zirconia jewel
4. $100 Bill Star Note #LG04609996* circulated, Series 2009A, MB $125
5. 1984 US Mint Proof Set with 4 in 1984 Kennedy Half Date Accidental Frosted Date MB $10
6. $20 bill Replica 2022, Hollywood Movie Prop from Las Vegas Netflix film "Obliterated"
7. 32 Canadian cents, 1930-1970s
8. 2 Sterling Silver bracelet child charms w/ red & green body stones & white head stones
9. 1940s-70s New Mint US Stamps Plate Block Album, $55.72 face, $229+ Scott MB $45
10. 3 French coins: 1905 25 Centimes, 1914 .835 Silver 50 Centimes, 1977 1/2 Franc
11. 104 US Wheat Cents 1910s-1950s mixed
12. 1944 WWII Occupation $1 Million Greek Drachma Note
13. 1946 Canada .800 Silver dime & 1949 Australia .500 Silver 3 Pence
14. Canada, Bank of Montreal Half Penny 1844, ~VF, cat. $11. MB $5
15. Canada, Quebec Bank Penny 1852, VF w/ some dings, sl. bend, cat. $15 in VF. MB $4
16. England, Warwickshire, Birmingham Mining & Copper ½ Penny Token 1792, VF, MB $20
17. Great Britain - 1 Farthing, 1806. MB $4
18. Ireland - Silver 10 Shillings 1966; Easter Rising Commemorative. MB $30
19. Book: *Historical Greek Coins*, by G.F. Hill. MB $5
20. Book: *Italian Cast Coinage*, by Thurlow and Vecchi. MB $15
21. Book: *Fractional Money*, by Carothers; classic, scarce hardcover. MB $10
22, Book: *The Randazzo Hoard 1980*, by Arnold-Biucchi; glue mark on last plate. MB $15
23. 1990 US Prestige Proof set, MB $30
24. Canada, 156 cents, various dates, MB $8
25. Lot, foreign and miscellaneous tokens, MB $40
26. 1857 Flying Eagle cent, MB $50
27. 1858 Flying Eagle cent, MB $50
28. 1884-O Morgan dollar, MB $38
29. 1989 NOW-MNS medal struck on a Peace dollar
30. 1892-93 Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce report
31. 1893 Columbian half dollar XF
32. Whitman coin balance scale
33. 1892 Book with one hundred photogravures of Milwaukee
34. 1929-1930 biographical Men of Milwaukee
35. Book: 150 Years of the Wisconsin State Fair, illustrated, 64 pages, soft-covered.